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SUBJECT: US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM

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1. ON JUNE 2-3, 1978, THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE OF
THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM, HOSTED BY
THE JAPAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE AND THE
NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, MET IN TOKYO, JAPAN, TO REVIEW
AND EVALUATE THE PROGRESS OF THE FIRST FIVE YEAR PERIOD
OF THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM.

2. THE U.S. DELEGATION WAS LED BY DR. GUY R. NEWELL,
DEPUTY DIRECTOR, NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE, AND THE
JAPANESE DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY DR. HARUO SUGANO. ONE
OF THE MAIN PURPOSES OF THE MEETING WAS TO REVIEW AND
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EVALUATE THE PROGRAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR THE PERIOD
BETWEEN 1974 AND 1978 WITH THE PRIMARY VIEW TOWARDS
APPROVING THE CONTINUATION OF THIS PROGRAM.

3. AS YOU ARE AWARE, THE GENERAL CONSENSUS BETWEEN NCI
AND JSPS WAS ONE OF GREAT SATISFACTION WITH THE
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE PROGRAM. THERE WAS STRONG

EXPRESSION OF INTENT AND DESIRE FROM JSPS AND NCI REPRESENTATIVES TO CONTINUE THE PROGRAM.

4. THE PRESENT AGREEMENT ON COOPERATION IN CANCER RESEARCH BETWEEN THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE AND THE JAPAN SOCIETY FOR THE PROMOTION OF SCIENCE, WAS SIGNED BY DR. GUY R. NEWELL AND MR. HIROSHI OKANO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JSPS, ON MAY 14, 1974, IN HONOLULU, HAWAII.

5. IN PARAGRAPH 4: VALIDITY OF AGREEMENT, IT IS QUOTED: THE AGREEMENT BECOMES EFFECTIVE ON DATE OF SIGNATURE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE IN EFFECT UNTIL EITHER PARTY NOTIFIES THE OTHER OF ITS INTENTION TO TERMINATE THE AGREEMENT, IN WHICH CASE ALL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES WILL BE BROUGHT TO AN ORDERLY CONCLUSION. THE AGREEMENT WILL BE EVALUATED FOR RENEWAL EVERY FIVE YEARS. UNQUOTE.

6. IT IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE THAT THE PRESENT AGREEMENT HAS AN INDEFINITE PERIOD OF VALIDITY, SUBJECT TO TERMINATION UPON NOTIFICATION BY EITHER PARTY. THE AGREEMENT IS TO BE REVIEWED AND EVALUATED PERIODICALLY FOR CONTINUATION WITH APPROPRIATE AGREEMENT FROM THE NCI AND JSPS ON THE PURPOSE, ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE PROGRESS OF THE PROGRAM UNDER THE AGREEMENT.

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7. DR. GUY R. NEWELL WILL SEND A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE JSPS INDICATING THAT THE FIVE YEAR REVIEW HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND IT IS THE INTENT OF THE NCI TO CONTINUE THE AGREEMENT.

8. THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER TO THE JSPS IS BELOW. ANY COMMENTS FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY WOULD BE APPRECIATED. UPON RECEIPT OF COMMENTS FROM THE EMBASSY, THE OFFICIAL LETTER WILL BE SENT.

9. DEAR MR. AMAGI: IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE AND HONOR TO HAVE YOU ATTEND THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM. THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF THE FIRST FIVE YEARS OF THE PROGRAM WERE MOST MEANINGFUL AND EXTREMELY WORTHWHILE.

10. THE NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE WISHES TO CONTINUE THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH PROGRAM INCORPORATING THE PROGRAM CHANGES WHICH WERE DISCUSSED AND AGREED UPON AT THE JOINT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING. THE STRUCTURAL CHANGES FOR THE SECOND FIVE YEAR PERIOD WILL CERTAINLY STRENGTHEN THE EXCELLENT COOPERATION UNDER THE PROGRAM,

WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE JUST AS PRODUCTIVE
IN THE ENSUING YEARS. FURTHERMORE, IT WILL BE POSSIBLE
TO INCLUDE AND STIMULATE OTHER RESEARCH AREAS WHICH ARE
NOT CURRENTLY COVERED UNDER THE PROGRAM WITH INCREASED

BENEFITS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES.

11. AS YOU STATED IN YOUR OPENING REMARKS, THE MUTUALLY
ACCRUED BENEFITS TO BOTH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN GREAT, BUT
NEW PROBLEMS IN CANCER RESEARCH WILL CONTINUE TO ARISE.
I FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER
RESEARCH PROGRAM SHOULD BE BROADENED AND BE READY TO
DEVELOP AND EXPLORE NEW AREAS OF CANCER RESEARCH FOR
GREATER PROGRESS.

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12. IT IS HOPED THAT THE JSPS WILL AGREE TO THE
CONTINUATION OF THE US-JAPAN COOPERATIVE CANCER RESEARCH
PROGRAM.

13. WITH WARMEST REGARDS. DR. GUY R. NEWELL VANCE

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